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## HIGH HOLIDAYS

5767!!

### ... AND MORE

Please join us for inspiring services on this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur 5767. CSZ members will receive tickets in the mail automatically in early September. Members wishing to bring their children to the ticketed services must request special children's tickets from the office. And why not bring some friends? Order tickets for your guests now. Need childcare? It will be available again this year, but advance registration is required. For everything you need to know about High Holidays please visit our website.

We're looking forward to starting the New Year together!

#### Schedule of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Services

All services are held at the Herbst Theater, 401 Van Ness at McAllister, unless otherwise noted:

#### ROSH HASHANAH

**Friday, September 22, 2006**

7:30 pm Ma'ariv (ticket required)

**Saturday, September 23, 2006**

9:30 am Shacharit & Musaf

2:00 pm Tashlich picnic—at Crissy Field

3:00 pm Tashlich service—

at Crissy Field

**Sunday, September 24, 2006**

9:30 am Shacharit & Musaf —

at Sha'ar Zahav,

290 Dolores Street

#### YOM KIPPUR

**Sunday, October 1, 2006**

7:30 pm Kol Nidre (ticket required)

**Monday, October 2, 2006**

9:30 am Shacharit & Musaf

3:30 pm Mincha

4:30 pm Reading of Names

5:45 pm Yizkor & Neilah

(ticket required)

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## WORLD PRIDE IN ISRAEL: REPORT FROM RABBI ANGEL



*The second World Pride was held in Jerusalem this year. The timing was not good; Israel was fighting Hamas in the south and Hezbollah in the north. Nonetheless, a stout group of Shaar Zahavnicks chose to go to Israel anyway. Rabbi Angel tells us about their experience at World Pride, about being in Israel during wartime, and shares her thoughts on war and peace.*

**JGF:** The main purpose of the CSZ trip to Israel this year was World Pride. Why did the organizers choose Jerusalem for World Pride?

**Rabbi Angel:** Jerusalem, which in Hebrew means "city of peace," is far from that. In fact, earthly Jerusalem, in contrast to the ideal Jerusalem which our ancestors have long imagined, is currently a place of tremendous impoverishment. Political, geographic and economic realities divide people and at times fill the city with a palpable tension. And religion, which ought to be counted upon as a source for healing the rifts and inspiring the work of justice, rather serves to separate and alienate people. Jerusalem, home

of three great religions; it is here where the Hebrew Scriptures and other Jewish and non-Jewish sacred texts were promulgated. And while these texts have informed so much that is positive in our Western way of life, they also carry the verses that our enemies have used to justify our extermination. For centuries many of our LGBT community have been alienated from a religious, spiritual sense of belonging because these religions have been inhospitable, to say the least.

From the beginning, the goal of Jerusalem World Pride has been to help redeem this place and to promote tolerance, pluralism and understanding of human differences. These values and this vision was what compelled us to support the outstanding organizers at Jerusalem Open House and to commit ourselves to being here for this historic event. These values and this vision ring even truer at this moment of intensified conflict in the region and intensified religious homophobia in Jerusalem.

**JGF:** Some people opposed having World Pride in Israel because of the

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# RABBI'S INTERVIEW CONTINUED FROM PG 1



Palestinian situation. Despite mixed feelings at CSZ about Israeli policies toward the Palestinians, CSZ decided to officially go to World Pride. Can you talk about that decision?

**Rabbi Angel:** I think it is always a good time to come and visit and learn about Israel and to experience its complexities and multiple perspectives from the inside. It is true that holding World Pride in Jerusalem has made it nearly impossible, especially so in light of the current political realities, for our LGBT cousins living in the Occupied Territories and other Arab nations to participate. The scheduled Muslim speakers from within the region who were to address the International Multifaith Conference all cancelled. However, we did hear a marvelous speech from Irshad Manji, the most brave Muslim author of *The Trouble With Islam Today*, who came with a contingent from Toronto.

Every day we are saddened by the war and we express our sorrow for the loss of lives and destruction to the Israelis in the North, to the people of Lebanon and the residents in Gaza.

I am a lover of Israel. As in all my intimate relationships, there are challenges,

struggles, disappointments, and compromises that must be made between us for our relationship to grow in a viable, vital way. The Palestinian situation is acutely painful and one that weighs mightily on the soul of this country. I hope that the values that inspire WorldPride can help to inspire lovers of peace and reconciliation everywhere.

**JGF:** When you went to Israel, you found yourself in the middle of a two-front war between Israel and Hamas to the south and between Israel and Hezbollah to the north. What did it feel like to be in Israel during wartime? Where were you? Were you afraid? Did you feel safe?

**Rabbi Angel:** Our time here has definitely been impacted by the war. Everyone we meet and talk with has a loved one whose well-being is in danger, whether in the cities in the North, in Lebanon, or in Gaza. Shops are closed with signs that read, "Sorry, I have been called for reserve duty; Come back again."

But my sense of our physical safety has never felt compromised. And we are told that, just by being here, we are making a difference. We have been shown tremendous appreciation for coming at this time. Israel is empty of tourists. Given

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Lisa's sign reads: Blessed is the One Who Made Me According to the Divine Will

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## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

# PUTTING ON A NEW COAT

Ora Prochovnick

I have never been able to relate to the concept of celebrating the New Year in the middle of winter. Forget dropping the ball in Times Square, a night of drinking or a full day of parades and football games. Whether it's "early" or "late," for me, Rosh Hashanah always arrives at the perfect time to celebrate a new year.

There are liturgical and historical reasons for why the New Year is observed in the fall, although this "new year" day is technically in the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. Our ancestors marked several "new years" in their calendar, based on the beginning of important seasons of the year. Originally, the first month of the Hebrew calendar was Nisan, in the spring, a symbolic beginning at a time when new growth blossomed. But the first of Tishrei, in the fall, was the beginning of the economic year, when the old harvest year ended and the new one began. Around the month of Tishrei, the first rains came in the land of Israel (just as they tend to here in San Francisco!), and the soil was plowed for the winter grain. Eventually, the first of Tishrei became not only the beginning of the economic year, but the beginning of the spiritual year as well. It is now celebrated as a time to think about new beginnings, and the effects our actions have on others, as well as to set goals for the coming year.

As a child, and even now as an adult who never quite left the academic year behind, I relate to the Jewish year as a time of new beginnings—a time for new clothes, new folders, new classroom assignments, new teachers -- and the promise of the possibility of good grades and better study habits. Our bodies are replenished from the sunshine and physical activity of summer, ready to welcome the routine of earlier bedtimes and early morning starts.

Many people buy new clothes for the holiday and wear these clothes for the first time on Rosh Hashanah. Others have a personal minhag (custom) of getting a new haircut. This year at Sha'ar

Zahav we will be putting a new coat on our building too—a new coat of paint that is. And we look forward to receiving a new bima in our sanctuary.

Our Building and Grounds Committee, under the leadership of Irene Ogus, has been hard at work studying our building's needs, receiving estimates, reviewing bids, drafting contracts, picking colors and readying our building for exterior painting in order to ensure its structural integrity as well as its beauty. By the time this issue of the Forward comes out there should be scaffolding up around the building, which will remain up for a period of about six to eight weeks.

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Once the exterior painting is completed, work will commence on the renovations in our sanctuary. Thanks to the help of an extremely generous donor we are able to move forward with our long desired goal of reconfiguring our bima. The center bima will be removed, taking away both a dangerous tripping hazard and an obstacle which has prevented the closeness we wish to have to our fellow congregants during services.

Working closely with our architect, John Goldman, the Ritual Committee has approved plans to construct an approximately 8 foot by 11 foot rectangular platform extending out from our current front bima. The front bima is already ramped, allowing for wheelchair access. This attractive new bima will permit seating closer to the bima and to each other, will end the experience of congregants sitting behind the service leaders, but will still allow us to sit "in the round" and

see each other's faces during services. Architectural drawings of the new bima design can be viewed on the bulletin board in the Oneg room. Work should begin on this project in late October or November.

Another type of new beginning for our congregation this season is the forming of relationships with our new staff. As Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer commences its new school year, we are excited to be creating connections with our recently hired Director of Children and Family Education, Mary Jane Eisenberg. Reuben Zellman, our first year-round rabbinic intern, is growing in his position as he shares his knowledge with us and we learn from each other. Our hiring committee, chaired by Drew Parker-Rose, is continuing its work of recruiting, screening and interviewing candidates for the Administrator and Rabbinic Assistant positions and we look forward to developing relationships with this new office staff.

And we are thrilled to announce that the Va'ad and Rabbi Angel have agreed to a renewal of Rabbi Angel's contract with Congregation Sha'ar Zahav for another seven years. I am very pleased that my presidency has begun on this happy note. Although this is technically a continuation, and not another new beginning, I see it as an opportunity for the congregation and our rabbi to deepen our relationships with one another as she grows and develops her rabbinate. The commitment we have made to each other via this contract renewal is a new beginning down that path.

All of these new beginnings are quite exciting, as will be the new ones yet to unfold, as nobody knows for certain what the new year will bring. May it be a year of peace, good health and prosperity, and growing membership. My family joins me in wishing each of you, a sweet new year. And let me take this opportunity to say that if I have hurt or harmed anyone, knowingly or unknowingly, I ask their forgiveness. L'Shanah Tova.



that nearly every tour group cancelled, the fact that LGBT people came from many parts of the world demonstrates a kind of courage and commitment that distinguishes us.

**JGF:** What was the mood in Israel? What was the attitude of the people you met towards the war to the north?

**Rabbi Angel:** There was a profound sense of despair and fear and sadness. Because the security situation seems frozen, most Israelis with whom I spoke have little hope of negotiating with Hamas and certainly not with Hezbollah. Where can we go from here?

**JGF:** Americans and the rest of the world were shocked by the bombing in Qana that killed a number of children. Israel stopped bombing for two days, then pressed onward with a new ground and air campaign. How can those of us who support Israel sit with our upset over this bombing?

**Rabbi Angel:** It is horrifying when any children are killed in this world. Nothing can take away how horrible this is. Even as Israel has apologized for what it claims was an accident, no amount of apology can make these deaths and all civilian deaths less dreadful.

The fact that Hezbollah is using humans as shields is equally horrific to me.

Being in Israel right now, I am challenged to see and feel things from many perspectives.

I feel as confused and stirred more than ever before about how it is we're in such an awful situation. While we are uncertain of what lies ahead, we must continue to hope and work for peaceful resolutions.

What can we do? We can pray that calm will be restored soon. We can pray for the reduction of hatred in the hearts of those who see no alternative to violence and destruction. We can pray for wisdom and good counsel for the leaders and governments of all of those involved in these conflicts and we call upon all of them to exercise restraint. We pray for healing for all of those who have been wounded, in Israel, in Lebanon, and in Gaza. We pray for the safe return of the kidnapped soldiers and for hope and strength for their families. We pray for comfort for all of the

families who have lost loved ones. We pray for peace.

**JGF:** What happened to World Pride in the middle of all this? Did you feel like you were able to make an impact?

**Rabbi Angel:** During our stay, I was interviewed four different times. I was quoted in *Ha'aretz*, and featured in *Yediot Achronot*, and on the 6:00 evening news on channel 3. As well, I spoke with the Jewish Telegraphic Agency and know that their coverage will appear in Jewish newspapers worldwide.

I believe that our group of 19, along with the several hundred others who came to participate, helped Israelis have a better understanding and appreciation for what it is to be LGBT. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity enabled me to meet other faith leaders working on TGLB issues and together to demonstrate against bigotry and promote a message of love and tolerance. It is precisely this message that

can most effectively mobilize grassroots support for progressive political change worldwide.

For many of us the experience of integrating our sexuality with our spirituality is an ongoing transcendent and transformational experience. To be among LGBT friends and family from around the world in Jerusalem is an act of restoration and repair. We ought to return every few years to forward our cause and celebrate our accomplishments.

Voices of tolerance and hope are all too often drowned out by cries of despair. Our hopeful voices are needed now more than ever. I am so proud that Sha'ar Zahav has been a part of Jerusalem World Pride, a demonstration of human rights and pluralism in this holy city. I look forward to returning to Israel again and again in the years to come. I hope many will join me in this essential Jewish pilgrimage.

## **MORE HOLIDAY CONNECTIONS**

**God-Talk, God Belief, and God Experience**

**Preparing for the High Holidays, with Rabbi Camille Shira Angel**  
**Two sessions, Thursday, Sept. 7 & Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7:30 pm**

Free. RSVP appreciated to [programs@shaarzahav.org](mailto:programs@shaarzahav.org)

**Selichot Service**

**Saturday, Sept. 16, 8:00 pm**

We will begin with Havdalah, marking the end of Shabbat, and will continue with a moving service focused on "forgiveness." This hour of worship is one of the most inspiring of the year.

**Kever Avot v'Imahot at Hills of Eternity Cemetery**  
**Erev Yom Kippur,**  
**Sunday, Oct. 1, 10:00 am**

It is customary at this time of year to visit the graves of those who enriched us with their care, counsel and love. We will meet at the Hills of Eternity Cemetery for a brief, meaningful service and a light brunch. With Rabbi Camille Shira Angel and Paul Cohen.

## **AND EVEN MORE!**

**Back to Shul Night!**

**CSZ's Annual Open House**

**Saturday, September 9, 7:00 pm**

Join us for our annual Open House and see what makes CSZ such a vibrant, inclusive, and truly special community. For more information contact [MHWernick@aol.com](mailto:MHWernick@aol.com)

**An Evening with Yael Dayan**  
**Saturday, October 7**

Yael Dayan, deputy Mayor of Tel-Aviv, former Knesset Member and long-time activist in Israel, will join us for a discussion at CSZ. Time and further details TBA.

**Simchat Torah Street Party Torah Bash!**  
**Friday, October 13, 7:30 pm**

At the conclusion of our Friday night Kabbalat Shabbat service, we'll close down Dolores Street and dance dance dance our hearts out in raucous celebration of the Torah! Not to be missed!

**CSZ + FMC = Let's Eat and Greet**  
**Sunday, October 29 at 12.30**

Come celebrate the first anniversary of sharing our building with the First Mennonite Church of San Francisco. Vegetarian potluck. For more information contact Ruth Rainero; [rainero@jps.net](mailto:rainero@jps.net)



# CSZ GETS "J" AWARD FOR ADULT ED. FIND OUT WHY!

We're proud that Congregation Sha'ar Zahav received an honorable mention in this year's "J" awards for adult education. We've got a terrific set of classes this fall, perfect for those who want to learn more about Judaism, for those who want to participate more in services, and for those of you interested in becoming a Bar or Bat Mitzvah—it's never too late!

## Worth Repeating:

**God-Talk, God Belief, and God Experience**

**Two sessions, Thursday, September 7 & Wednesday, September 13, 7:30 pm**  
Prep for the Holidays with Rabbi Angel. Free. RSVP appreciated to [programs@shaarzahav.org](mailto:programs@shaarzahav.org)

## Torah Service Workshop

**Saturday, October 21, 11:30 am**  
Get Those Scrolls out of the closet... and then put them back in! We love and revere the sifrei torah as symbols of our tradition and covenant, but sometimes it can be confusing to know just what to do when they are being used in the sanctuary. Join Randy Weiss immediately after Shabbat services and oneg (approximately 11:30 am) for this hands-

on workshop on the choreography of the torah service. Free. No RSVP required.

## A Taste of Judaism: Are You Curious? Three Wednesdays, November 1, 8, 15, 7:00 -9:00 pm

Ever wondered how you could invite your friends to experience a "Taste of Judaism" without undue pressure? This class, taught by Rabbi Angel and co-sponsored by the Union of Reform Judaism's Project Welcome, is geared towards unaffiliated Jews and non-Jews. Free admission, but advance registration is required. To register please contact the Project Welcome Program Associate, Shira Butler, at 888-756-8242 or email [tasteofjudaism@urj.org](mailto:tasteofjudaism@urj.org)

## A Covenant of Words

**Nine Tuesdays, October 17-December 19, 2006, 7:00-9:00 pm**  
(no class on Nov 21)

Join us for lively study and discussion on some of the essential themes of Jewish tradition through the rich heritage of the Hebrew language. Rabbinic intern Reuben Zellman will explore with you ideas of covenant and revelation; God in history; death; prayer; Jewish identity;

and more. The course will accommodate all levels of Hebrew familiarity, including those with no Hebrew experience. Open to all; required for Adult B'nei Mitzvah students. Fee: \$90 for CSZ members, \$120 for non-members. No drop-ins. Registration forms on the CSZ website or at the CSZ office.

## Adult B'nei Mitzvah Program

CSZ offers an adult bar/bat mitzvah program for those who did not get to experience this milestone event as a youngster. The year-long program (all three courses required) culminates in a group b'nei mitzvah ceremony in the spring of 2007. In the fall, Bnei Mitzvah students are required to take "A Covenant of Words." Required courses in the spring are "How to Chant Torah" (Jan-Feb) and Liturgy for Adult B'nei Mitzvahs (March-May). All classes are Tuesdays, 7:00-9:00. For more information about CSZ's Adult B'nei Mitzvah program please contact instructor and rabbinic intern Reuben Zellman at [reuben@shaarzahav.org](mailto:reuben@shaarzahav.org) or 415-861-6932 x316. Registration forms will be available on our website.

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We want to know what you think of the *Jewish Gaily Forward*. What can we improve? What should we cover? Would you kill us if we took something out? Do you have a secret fantasy that we will take something out? We want to know—we think....

We've set up an electronic survey at the Shaar Zahav website, [www.shaarzahav.org](http://www.shaarzahav.org). It will be up on the website from September 1 to September 15, so act fast! Survey is anonymous and only takes 5 minutes. We appreciate your help.

Questions? Contact Martin Rawlings-Fein at [mrawling@library.berkeley.edu](mailto:mrawling@library.berkeley.edu)



# Pinat Yeladim U'mishpachah

Children and Family Corner



## FAMILY CALENDAR

To Find Out More About These Programs  
Go to the Sha'ar Zahav Website at [www.shaarzahav.org/children-families](http://www.shaarzahav.org/children-families)

### **BABY CHAVURAH**

September 17 10:30 am

October 15 10:30 am

Meets at Duboce Park (Noe/Duboce)

Bad Weather: Meet at shul at 4:00 pm

### **TOT SHABBAT**

3rd or 4th Saturday each month

Check weekly email and website for dates

### **FAMILY KABBALAT**

#### **SHABBAT:**

September 15

October 20

Potluck at 6:30 pm; Service follows

### **BEIT SEFER DATES**

#### **TO REMEMBER**

Sept 9: Shabbat Classes Begin

Sept 13: Wed. Classes Begin

### **BEIT SEFER OPEN HOUSE**

Sept 26: 5:30-6:30 pm

### **NEW STUDENT**

#### **CONSECRATION**

October 14, 9:30-12:00

Be there to see new students receive the Torah!

## TEENS TAKE A SPIRITUAL QUEST

By Mary Jane Eisenberg, Director of Children's and Family Education

As the new Director of Children's and Family Education, I look forward to meeting all the children and families of Beit Sefer Phyllis Mintzer.

This year we are especially excited to be offering a new class for our 8th and 9th grade students entitled "The Spiritual Quest: Relationships, Earth, God and the Rest of Life" taught by Rabbi Angel. The class meets on Wednesdays from 5:30 – 7:30 and includes dinner.

In the United States, Jewish education has traditionally ended with the bar or bat mitzvah. Nothing pulled young people back to shul during the most formative time of their lives, their teen years. Sha'ar Zahav has worked to involve its teen graduates by inviting them to become madrichim or classroom assis-

tants for our Shabbat morning classes. Many teens have answered this invitation with enthusiasm and energy.

Sha'ar Zahav also runs a youth program, staffed by Youth Coordinator Kendra Lubalin, during which CSZ youth come together for outings to theater, book readings, and other Jewish community and/or youth events.

Along with these social and social action activities, this new class will offer students a chance to connect their Jewish learning to the burning issues of our times. In a fun and open environment, students will be able to ask and grapple with questions regarding modern culture and Judaism like they never have been able before.

## FAMILY NOTES

### **WANTED: TEEN WRITERS, EDITORS, PHOTOGRAPHERS**

The *Jewish Gaily Forward* seeks teens to contribute to the newsletter. We are looking for teens to write member and staff profiles, tell us about social action events, photograph everyone and everything and give us feedback. Come to a fast half-hour meeting on Wednesday, September 13 at 5:00 pm to learn more.

### **LIKE WORKING WITH KIDS?**

Join the Design Team! We are looking for adult congregants (parents or not) to join the Beit... Working closely with a classroom teacher, the Design Team will meet once a month to plan a unit for one of the classes and then teach a class for three consecutive weeks in the spring. Team projects usually involve crafts, torah-study, performance, and fun! No background or Hebrew/Jewish skills necessary (though last year we did need someone who knew how to run an ice-cream maker!). For more information, contact Design Team Chair Sara Gorr at

[surlygirl.sara@gmail.com](mailto:surlygirl.sara@gmail.com)

### **BEIT SEFER PHYLLIS MINTZER STARTS SEPT. 9**

School begins first Shabbat Class on September 9. Wednesday classes, including the new 8th and 9th grade class, begin on September 13. Registration materials were mailed on August 3rd. Please return all necessary forms by August 22. If you have not received registration materials or have any questions please contact me at [maryjane@shaarzahav.org](mailto:maryjane@shaarzahav.org) or 415-861-3962 x302.

### **BEIT SEFER PHYLLIS MINTZER OPEN HOUSE**

**Tuesday, September 26th  
from 5:30 – 6:30.**

Please come to hear about what we are doing on Saturdays and Wednesdays as well as to meet teachers and other parents. We are continuing our Family programs for Chanukah, Tu B'Shevat and Pesach. Look for them in the registration materials and email announcements.



# A FORTRESS OF GRATITUDE

By Nina Wouk for the Ritual Committee

When I turn the radio on after Neilah, the news always comes as a shock. During Yom Kippur, while we have been making peace with God and each other, the world has continued on its normal course of woe, destruction, ruin and decay. Some years, it makes me wish I were Superman and could fly to the freezing wastes, to the Fortress of Solitude. But I don't have to do that. We Jews have another fortress, one closer at hand, and neither frozen nor solitary.

Four days after Yom Kippur ends, Sukkot, the ancient harvest festival, begins. It provides us with a fortress of gratitude: the sukkah, the insubstantial little house that is neither quite inside nor quite outside, the house designed only for rejoicing. A sukkah is built for feasting, resting, learning, praying and entertaining guests. It contains no kitchen, no bathroom, no storage, staging or cleaning areas – no work areas at all. Its purpose is the thankful celebration of all completed harvests along with the new year that we have lived to see.

Like the other festivals, Sukkot in-

cludes the Hallel, the songs of thanksgiving, in its liturgy. However Sukkot is the the only festival on which the Torah instructs us to be completely joyful.

The Torah doesn't tell us to be completely joyful for the seven days of Sukkot only if the harvest is good, or the king wise, or no war threatening. Grateful rejoicing during Sukkot is unconditional, which is a good thing. If we put off rejoicing until we had a good reason, we might have to wait a long time.

In Parshat Emor, G-d personally gives the reason for staying in a sukkah: 'So that your generations will know that I made the Israelites stay in sukkot when I took them out of Egypt'. To be precise, our ancestors' first camp, on their first full night of freedom, was at a place called Sukkot. The sukkah exists so that we can appreciate G-d's ability to provide protection even when we are as disorganized and bewildered as newly freed slaves.

But of what does this protection consist? We have more than ample evidence that G-d seldom if ever takes any direct action to alter the world. Like the sukkah

roof which lets in rain, nothing keeps out storms of tragedy. But staying in the sukkah gives us a more subtle protection, one that comes about only with our own effort. By building, staying, and rejoicing in the sukkah; by lighting candles, making kiddush, giving tzedakah, welcoming guests; by all these acts, we surround ourselves with a structure of mitzvot.

Although even less tangible than the sukkah, the flexible, portable, interlocking structure of mitzvot has provided our people for centuries with a fortress against natural calamity and human cruelty. Shared traditions, shared occasions of both joy and grief, build an enduring community; shared service to God gives tradition an eternal resonance. The will to rejoice during Sukkot helps us learn to both find and create reasons for grateful celebration, even in times of great fear.

I write this listening to war news, uncertain of Israel's future, or of the world's. But unlike Superman, I know that wherever I may be next Sukkot, and whatever is happening in the world, my fortress - our fortress - travels with us, stands on any spare spot of ground, and, most important, is a home for joy that embraces us all.



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# SEPTEMBER 2006

# ELUL / TISHREI 5766 / 5767

Sunday      Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday      Saturday

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 8:15 pm      9:30 am  
 Shabbat Service      Shabbat Service

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Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service		Tisha B'Av Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service		Shabbat Service		Shabbat Service	Beit Sefer Begins 7:00 pm Back to Shul Night

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17	24	18	25	19	26	20	27	21	28	22	29	23	Tishrei 1
10:30 am		6:30 pm		6:30 pm		6:30 pm		Rosh Chodesh Elul		Rosh Chodesh Elul		Rosh Hashanah at Herbst	
Baby Chavurah at Duboce Park		Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service				7:30 pm Rosh Hashanah Maariv at Herbst (ticket required)		9:30 am Shacharit 9:30 am Family Services 2:00 pm Toshlach at Crissy Field	

24	2	25	3	26	4	27	5	28	6	29	7	30	8
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Rosh Hashanah at CSZ		Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service		Ma'ariv Service		Shabbat Service		Shabbat Service	

9:30 am  
Shacharit



# OCTOBER 2006

# TISHREI/CHESVAN 5767

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> <b>10:00 am</b> Memorial Service Hills of Eternity <b>7:30 pm</b> Kol Nidre at Herbst (ticket required)	<b>2</b> Yom Kippur at Herbst <b>9:30 am</b> Shacharit/ Family Service <b>4:30 pm</b> Names Service <b>5:45 pm</b> Yitzkor and Neilah (ticket req)	<b>3</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>4</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>5</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>6</b> Erev Sukkot <b>8:15 pm</b> Shabbat Service	<b>7</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Shabbat Service TBA Evening with Yael Dayan
<b>8</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>9</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>10</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>11</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>12</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>13</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>7:30 pm</b> Simchat Torah Street Party	<b>14</b> <b>Sukkot</b> <b>9:30 am</b> Shabbat Service New Student Consecration
<b>15</b> <b>10:30 am</b> Baby Chavurah at Duboce Park <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>16</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>17</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>18</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>19</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>20</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service	<b>21</b> <b>6:30 pm</b> Ma'ariv Service
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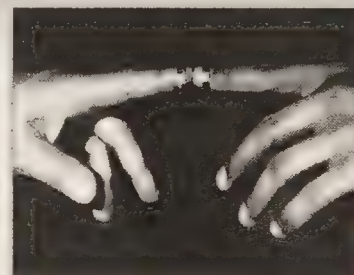
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**Rebecca Doctors and James Botelho** on the occasion of their wedding.

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# INTERVIEW WITH PRUDENCE CARTER

By Kevin Johnson

*Prudence Carter is a long-time CSZ member and the former editor of this newsletter. CSZ member Kevin Johnson talked with her about volunteering for the shul.*

**KJ:** What sorts of volunteer activities have you done for CSZ?

**PC:** When I first came here I co-chaired the education committee with Sue Bojdak and then Ron Edelman. That was when Rabbi Jane Lipman was here. Then I joined the Social Action Committee for a short while before becoming the editor for the Jewish Gaily Forward. Recently, because my partner Marianne chairs the Rainbow Fund, I have done many things around that, both at the shul and at home.

**KJ:** What sorts of things do you do when you are not volunteering for CSZ?

**PC:** I love the outdoors, so I go hiking, I go to the gym. I'm a tremendous reader, and of course I work full-time.

Anyone who knows me knows I always have these little projects going. Right now, I'm investigating whether we can change our home to be a solar

home. I pick a project which I have to know something about before I do it.

**KJ:** Wow, you sound really busy. Why do you volunteer for the shul?

**PC:** I think it's a way for me personally to get to know people better and meet people I wouldn't otherwise meet just going to services. Services aren't as much fun if you don't know other people.

**KJ:** I've heard you've been in the position of being asked to volunteer for something you really didn't want to do—and did it anyway. Can you tell me about that?

**PC:** Well, I didn't want to do the newsletter (laughs). However, one night at home, Marianne was lamenting that Karen Schiller, who was the wonderful editor of the newsletter, really wanted to be treasurer but couldn't find anyone to take over the newsletter. So I looked up from what I was reading. I admit I sometimes read when Marianne is talking. (laughs). And I said, "you know, I'll do it." She said, "You will?" I said, "I'll do it for one year."



One year ended up being three years. Honestly, some parts of volunteering for the newsletter were lots of fun, and other parts were not so fun. But I looked at the big picture of things, and thought Karen was doing a terrific job as treasurer.

**KJ:** How has your life at the shul changed since you've given up the newsletter?

**PC:** In a way, I'm not as involved. I'm not getting the news first. I'm a curious person, and I liked knowing things first. So I miss that. Because we live in the East Bay, we don't come in as often, and doing the newsletter kept me connected.

**KJ:** Do you have any suggestions for the newsletter?

**PC:** Believe it or not, I would probably get rid of all the donations pages in the newsletter—I think the information should go out quarterly in some other way. I know some people find it important, but I don't find it interesting.

*Editor's Note: We at the JGF would like to thank Prudence for the hard work she did over the last three years to keep the JGF alive and coming to our doors. If you also have suggestions for the JGF, fill out our web survey at [www.shaarzahav.org](http://www.shaarzahav.org)*

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- 6 Cynthia Navarro
- 7 Alvin Baum
- 8 Robert Norton
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- 9 Rachel Field
- 9 Edward Lopatin
- 10 Ellen Berger
- 11 Lele Field
- 11 Lawrence Helman
- 11 Jeffrey Adler
- 11 Raul Garcia-Gonzalez
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- 11 Rose-Anne Donner Colt
- 11 Jeffrey Levin
- 12 Nicole Bloom
- 13 Steven Schumacher
- 13 Paul Margolis
- 13 Jonathan Kaplan
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- 14 Kipp Leyser
- 15 Mark Oliver
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- 19 Robert Tat
- 19 Rebecca Goldfader
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- 20 Aaron Levine
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- 24 Mark Leno
- 26 Sophie Rinkoff-Murland
- 28 Arthur Cohen
- 28 James Frazin

- 28 Daphne Stuart
- 29 Carol Dawson Rose
- 29 Judith Wolfe
- 30 Eric Zigas

## OCTOBER

- 1 Evan Arnold-Gordon
- 1 Beth Rubenstein
- 2 Sharyn Saslowsky
- 2 Scott Benlevi
- 3 Miriam Heath Katz
- 4 Mark Mackler
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- 13 Ariella Villasenor
- 13 David Gellman
- 14 Michael Bettinger
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# ANNIVERSARIES

## SEPTEMBER

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- 4 Alan Michels and Laureen Kim
- 7 Jeanette Nichols and Daryl Goldman
- 9 Andrew Schwartz and John Mark Eggerton
- 13 Sara Felder Noily and Devra Felder Noily
- 18 Julie Dorf and Jenni Olson
- 30 Susan Unger and Pamela Erwin

## OCTOBER

- 1 Michael Sporn and Mark Gorman
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- 10 Lisa Inman and Alisa Gilden
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**Adam Orman**, on the loss of his grandfather, Sidney Greenspan.

**Nicole Bloom**, on the loss of her uncle, Abe Hankin.

**Tony Enriquez**, on the loss of his aunt, Josefina Enriquez.

**Andrea Guerra**, on the loss of her friend, Eric Fagan.

**Greg Ramos**, on the loss of his aunt, Nancy Pakin.

**Samuel Rodriguez-Gorgas**, on the loss of his father, John Rodriguez-Gorgas

## YAHREZEITS

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 John Michael Golebowski
- 5 Bernard David Pechter
- 15 David Pierce
- 18 Penny Sharon Dachinger
- 19 Gershon Lieberman
- 22 Drew Siegel
- 25 Jeffrey Lewis Cohen
- 27 Frank Hyman

### AUGUST

- 6 Jeffrey Miller
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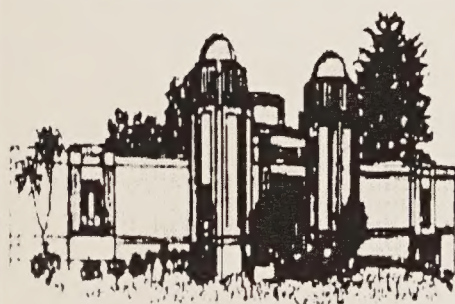
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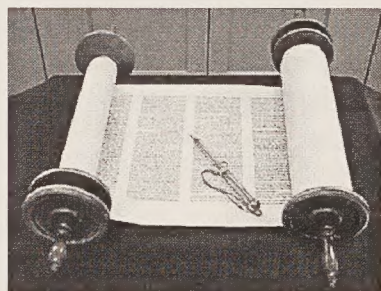
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